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Question Time: Worst advice you've ever been given?

Who gave it to you? Why was it the worst?

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Everyone talks about the best advice they've heard, but what about the worst? No one seems to have as much to say about that. So, we wanted to know: "What is the worst advice you've ever been given? Who gave it to you? Why was it the worst?"

Your answers

"'If you want larger tax refunds, have at least two children.' A guy from work told me this. It was the worst advice ever because children are super expensive." — **Corey Barrett**

"My mom used to say, 'If you can't do something well, don't do it at all.' Horrible advice — I missed out on so much in my younger life. I believe in trying my best, no matter what the task. I don't care how

well I do (well, maybe a little), but at least I've tried. Expand your horizons — try anything.” — **Susan Hayes**

“‘Grow up’ — Anyone and everyone.” — **Katie Guyer**

Our answers

“I think the advice I have been given over the years has for the most part been pretty good advice. The only time I can think of that I was given advice that didn't work out was when my parents and family members told me I should dorm to get the ‘real college experience.’ They said I would love it and they tried for years to get me to dorm, but I didn't want to. I told them I wouldn't like it. Eventually, I finally caved in and I told them I would give it a try. I dormed for one year and it was one of the worst experiences of my life.” — **Jordan**

Cleckley

“‘YOLO.’ Because you only die once, too. I'm no scaredy-cat, but I choose my risks carefully rather than jumping headlong into something just because my peers say I should.” — **Sarah Einselen**

“‘Be afraid of the future, and regretful of past mistakes.’ This is the advice my subconscious gives to me all the time, and it's terrible. I have to fight against this mantra constantly. The past is past. The future is yet to be written. Things are rarely work out as terribly as you might imagine.” — **Rob Burgess**

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